



Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason

March 16, 1931 - June 13, 2023

Margaret "Peggy" Gleason, 92, of Pittsfield, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Born in Providence, RI, on March 16, 1931, she was the daughter of the late William and Winifred Fairbanks Lane.

Peggy moved to Pittsfield in 1955 with her husband, Joe. While hesitant to leave Rhode Island and move to the "boondocks" of western Massachusetts, she grew to love Pittsfield. With her husband, they raised a family of eight daughters in Pittsfield and developed a community of lifelong friends.

Deciding to embrace the winters in the "boondocks" Peggy learned to ski with her family at Bousquet and Brodie Mtn. ski areas. During the summer months she could be found at the Berkshire Hills Country Club, where the family made many great friends. Peggy was also a long-time member of the Pittsfield Figure Skating Club and the Girl Scouts.

A competitive spirit, Peggy became an avid card and Rummicube player, enjoying the company of dear friends at her home and at the senior center.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing matching outfits for her young daughters, sending care packages to her college age grandchildren complete with delicious caramel brownies. Peggy loved to decorate her home for each holiday, particularly Christmas. A talented and gracious hostess, she delighted

her friends and family annually with a spectacular tree and a Christmas village. A staunch Democrat, Peg did not shy away from a political debate. She inspired her family and friends with a zest for life and butter on all things! She was loved by many and will remain in our hearts forever.

Peggy was predeceased by her beloved husband of 57 years, Joseph F. Gleason, her brothers, Raymond Lane and William Lane, both of Rhode Island.

She is survived by her eight daughters and sons-in-law, Wendy Patterson (Jim), Jacquelyn Cantwell (Bill), Judith Collins (John), Joanne Jeffery (Brian), Meg Murphy (PJ), Kim Findlen (Bob), Michaela Clancy (Sean), and Kristen Gleason (Derrick). She leaves 27 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren who knew her as “Grandma Peg” or “GG.” She leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret “Peggy” Gleason will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by the Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. There will be an hour of visitation prior to the service, from 11 am to 12 noon at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 220 East Street, Pittsfield MA 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Mass General Hospital Cancer Center in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield
220 East St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 445-4064
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

JUN 20. 12:30 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
191 Elm St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall



“ Thanks for the comments here, everyone! We'll miss Grandma Peg, but her legacy will live on through all of the Gleasons. Here is a link where you can donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Peggy's name:
<https://give.cff.org/tribute/peggygleason>

Joey Patterson - June 22, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ - Michaela's Basis Technologies Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



- Michaela's Basis Technologies Family - June 20, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



June 20, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



June 19, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.*



June 19, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Shane J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.*

Shane J. - June 19, 2023 at 03:11 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.*



June 18, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Dear family, I am very sorry for your loss. Your mom was wonderful and a pleasure to know! I always enjoyed talking with her both at Brodie and various places in Pittsfield. Sending love and prayers to all.*

Gary Clarkson - June 18, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.*



June 17, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.*



June 17, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Gleason*



Nancy Peterson - June 17, 2023 at 10:25 AM

NP

“ *To the Gleason Family*

An amazing woman who touched so many lives. Peg was always a ray of sunshine and a joy to be in the company of. Summers at Berkshire Hills with the kids were always a hoot! May your beautiful memories of this remarkable woman comfort you now. Please know that we are thinking of you and how blessed we are to have had Peg in our lives.

Fondly, Nancy and Will Peterson and Family

Nancy Peterson - June 17, 2023 at 10:24 AM

BH

“ *What a wonderful life and hot ticket! My Dad loved your Dad and they continued the fun with the HC gang 🎉*

Sending you all love and prayers from Betty and the Heffernans 🙏



Betsy Heffernan - June 17, 2023 at 09:03 AM

EP

“ This is a time for gathering all of the good memories of a friend you shared many good time together.

Peg was a woman that touched many lives with her kindness, courage, compassion and faith .

We had a lot of laughter playing our card games at BHCC and the Senior Center for many years.

Peg and I always had a good laugh about being : "Best baby sitter for her girls, as they passed through Junior High school."

She will be missed, but never forgotten.

My condolences go out to the family in your time of sorrow.

Ellie Persip

Eleanor "Ellie" Persip - June 17, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



June 16, 2023 at 06:37 PM

LF

“ My favorite childhood memories bring me to the BHCC where we would spend our days with the Gleason girls, knowing that Mr Gleason (in later years, Joe) would always have a watchful eye on us and Mrs Gleason (Peg) would eventually show up in the afternoons with snacks for us all while we waited for our Mom (Issy) to pick us up. What a safe place to be with the Gleason gang! She was a beautiful person, inside and out and what a party heaven is having right now! Bunny has the famous cocktail jug waiting for her.
All my love to the Gleason girls and their families. Lisa Ford❤️

Lisa Ford - June 16, 2023 at 03:31 PM

FF

“ From : Your bookclub friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



From : Your bookclub friends - June 16, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



June 16, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



June 15, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.

June 15, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of Peg and Joe and their wonderful family! My sincere condolences during this tough time. My thoughts are with the entire family! ❤️❤️❤️

Craig Harris - June 15, 2023 at 02:08 PM



My fondest memory was a call from Peggy to see if I would be interested in going to Joe and Frank's 65th reunion from Holy Cross college. We both attended and received a big welcome from the class of 53. We shared so many wonderful memories of past reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with Peggy's family at this sad time. How she loved you all and shared so many special times. God Bless 🙏. Mary Ruth Geishecker (Frank)

Mary Ruth Geishecker - June 16, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



June 15, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Peg was the perfect example of a lady. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She will be truly missed by so many. Sending love.

Marie Shelsy - June 15, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ Sean & Monique purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Gleason.



Sean & Monique - June 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ Peg and Joe were the heart of Holy Cross 1953 tailgate parties at Fitton field for many years 🎈😊💕

Rosemary Rimkus - June 15, 2023 at 09:14 AM



REST IN PEACE PEG! YOU WERE A DELIGHT TO BE WITH WHEN WE ATTENDED MORNING MASS, SINCERE CONDOLRNCES TO YOUR FAMILY WHO MUST NUMEROUS WONDERFUL MEMORIES TO HOLD ONTO!

Arlene Herrick - June 17, 2023 at 01:54 PM

GF

So happy I was able to stay in touch all these years. My Mom so appreciated Mrs. Gleason taking me off her hands for all those summers at BHCC. Wonderful summers for so many years. Loved her so much

Ginger Farrell - June 18, 2023 at 09:39 AM